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BILL NO.: HB 43

TITLE: Criminal Procedure – Plea Agreement Terms and the Violence Prevention Initiative Criteria

SPONSOR: Delegate Metzgar

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: January 21, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 43 – Criminal Procedure – Plea Agreement Terms and the Violence Prevention Initiative Criteria. This bill would ensure that a defendant charged with a crime of violence who enters into a plea agreement would serve the full term of the agreement, without a sentence reduction by diminution credits or parole.

Currently, plea agreements entered into by defendants charged with a crime of violence are subject to a reduction by courts, diminution credits, or parole. This bill compels our most violent offenders pay their debt to society when they strike a deal with a prosecutor, and prevents their sentence from being reduced any further than necessary.

Accordingly, Baltimore County respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report for HB 43. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.